

## Corporate bankruptcies – France • July 2024

### At the end of July, Slight rise in the cumulative number of corporate bankruptcies over the last twelve months

- At the end of July, the provisional cumulative number of corporate bankruptcies aggregated over the last twelve months amounted to 63,095 compared with 62,015 the previous month (see graph 1).
- On an annual basis, the increase in the cumulative number of corporate bankruptcies over the last twelve months continued to fall, rising by 25.2% in July, compared with 25.6% in June and 26.7% in May (see Table A).
- This trend concerns most sectors of the economy (see table A) and the various sizes of company (see table B).
- The number of cases referred to the Credit Mediation Service has not increased.
- Public services and those of the Banque de France are mobilised to help companies in difficulty.

To find out more: data on business start-ups are reported by the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE): [Business births on the INSEE's website](#)

### A – Corporate bankruptcies by sector

Bankruptcies in number of legal units, year-on-year change (%)

Business sector	Aggregate over previous 12 months <sup>a</sup> (raw data)							
	Mean 2010_2019	June 24	June 24 / June 23	June 24 / 2010-2019	July 23	July 24 prov.	July 24 / July 23	July 24 / 2010-2019
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (AZ)	1,359	1,382	10.3 %	1.7 %	1,235	1,381	11.8 %	1.6 %
Industry (BE)	4,442	4,118	13.7 %	-7.3 %	3,714	4,172	12.3 %	-6.1 %
Construction (FZ)	14,684	13,682	36.6 %	-6.8 %	10,259	13,915	35.6 %	-5.2 %
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (G)	13,070	13,181	21.6 %	0.8 %	10,995	13,452	22.3 %	2.9 %
Transportation and storage (H)	1,901	2,664	34.9 %	40.1 %	2,009	2,759	37.3 %	45.1 %
Accommodation and food service activities (I)	7,374	8,235	20.4 %	11.7 %	6,999	8,361	19.5 %	13.4 %
Information and communication (JZ)	1,480	1,832	23.5 %	23.8 %	1,527	1,871	22.5 %	26.4 %
Financial and insurance activities (KZ)	1,150	1,551	36.5 %	34.9 %	1,163	1,611	38.5 %	40.1 %
Real estate activities (LZ)	1,984	2,408	45.8 %	21.4 %	1,661	2,458	48.0 %	23.9 %
Advisory & Business support activities (MN)	6,380	7,264	29.3 %	13.9 %	5,768	7,398	28.3 %	16.0 %
Education, human health and social work services, Arts, entertainment and recreation, Other service activities (P to S)	5,311	5,618	15.2 %	5.8 %	4,990	5,632	12.9 %	6.0 %
<b>All firms<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>59,342</b>	<b>62,015</b>	<b>25.6 %</b>	<b>4.5 %</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>63,095</b>	<b>25.2 %</b>	<b>6.3 %</b>

Source: Banque de France – database: Fiben. Data available early August 2024: final for June, provisional for July.

Calculation: Banque de France – Companies Directorate – Companies Observatory.

Note: The corporate population is growing; according to INSEE, there have been around 40% more corporates in the last 10 years.

<sup>a</sup> Aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies over previous 12 months compared to the same aggregate one year before and with the 2010-2019 mean.

<sup>b</sup> The line « All firms » includes legal units whose business sector is not known.

## B – Corporate bankruptcies by firm size

Bankruptcies in number of legal units, year-on-year change (%)

Aggregate over previous 12 months<sup>a</sup> (raw data)

Size	Mean 2010_2019	June 24	June 24 / June 23	June 24 / 2010-2019	July 23	July 24 prov.	July 24 / July 23	July 24 / 2010-2019
<b>SME, among them</b>	<b>59,309</b>	<b>61,957</b>	<b>25.6 %</b>	<b>4.5 %</b>	<b>50,343</b>	<b>63,035</b>	<b>25.2 %</b>	<b>6.3 %</b>
Micro-enterprises and unknown firm's size	56,055	56,780	24.4 %	1.3 %	46,491	57,768	24.3 %	3.1 %
Very small firms	2,011	3,226	41.5 %	60.4 %	2,385	3,280	37.5 %	63.1 %
Small firms	913	1,479	41.7 %	62.0 %	1,101	1,496	35.9 %	63.9 %
Medium-sized firms	330	472	30.7 %	43.0 %	366	491	34.2 %	48.8 %
ISE – Large Firms	33	58	9.4 %	75.8 %	57	60	5.3 %	81.8 %
<b>All firms</b>	<b>59,342</b>	<b>62,015</b>	<b>25.6 %</b>	<b>4.5 %</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>63,095</b>	<b>25.2 %</b>	<b>6.3 %</b>

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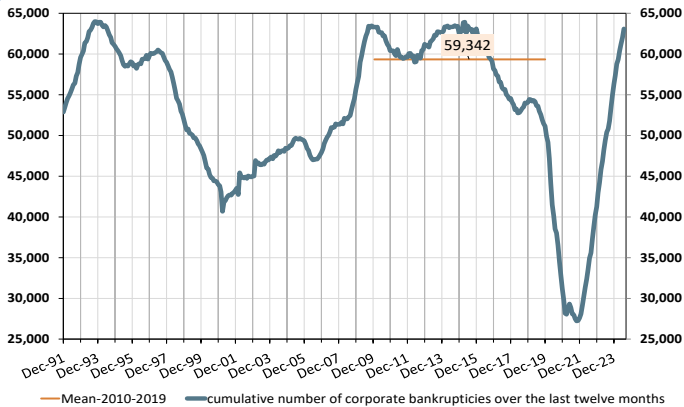
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## C – Changes in corporate bankruptcies

### 1 – Number of bankruptcies

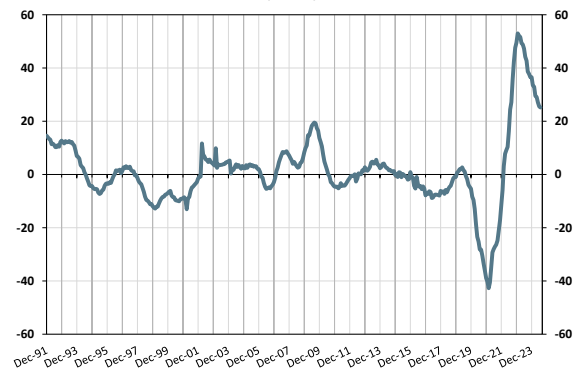
Cumulated over previous 12 months  
From Dec. 1991 to June 2024 (+ July 2024 provisional)



Note: The orange line represents the average value of the number of corporate bankruptcies over twelve months observed monthly between January 2010 and December 2019.

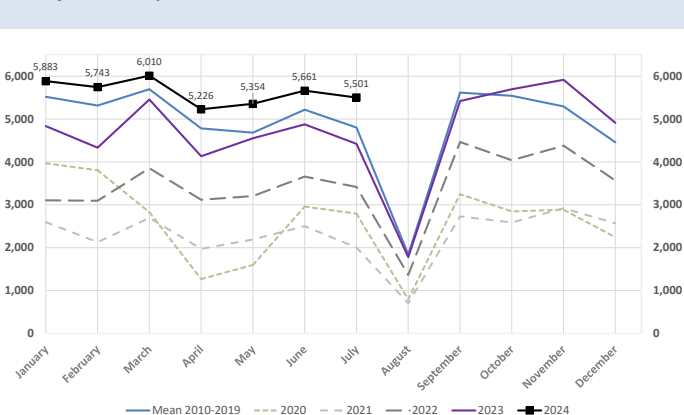
### 2 – Change in number of bankruptcies

Annual year-on-year change  
From Dec. 1991 to June 2024 (+ July 2024 provisional)  
(in %)



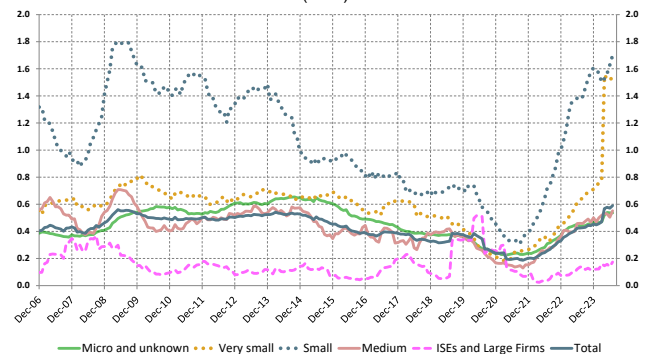
### 3 – Monthly number of bankruptcies

Mean 2010-2019 and from Jan. 2020 to June 2024 (+ July 2024 provisional)



### 4 – Loan amounts of bankrupt non-financial firms

over loan amount of all firms – by firm size  
Cumulated over previous 12 months  
From Dec. 2006 to June 2024 (+ July 2024 provisional)  
(in %)



Note: the sharp rise in the weighting of outstanding loans in the Very small businesses category from April 2024 is due to a legal unit, classified in this category due to its small size. Without this legal unit, the weight of Very small businesses failures in terms of outstanding loans would be equal to 0.84%. For small businesses, the rise is due both to an increase in the number of bankruptcies and to an increase in the average loan outstanding. Over the month of July, it was further strengthened by the default of a small corporate with significant outstandings in this category.

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